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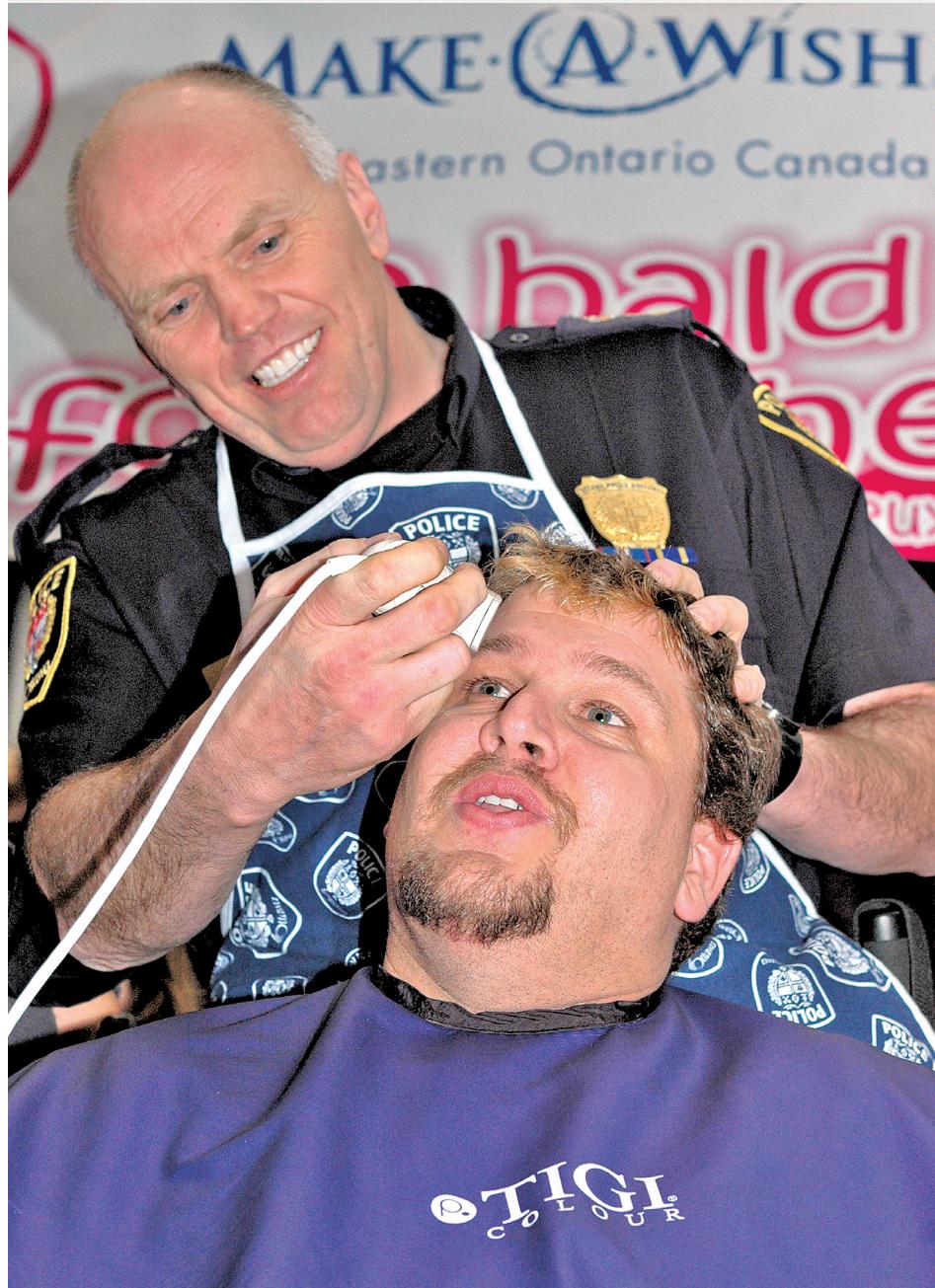


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Ottawa police Chief Vern White takes the clippers to Ottawa 311 Contact Centre agent Rod St. Charles during the third annual Valentine's Day Hair Massacre at the Rideau Centre Thursday afternoon. The event raised over \$10,000 for Make-A-Wish Eastern Ontario.

Double life sought for Khawaja

Terrorist lacks remorse: Crown

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An Ottawa man convicted of terrorism should be imprisoned for life, a Crown prosecutor said Thursday.

"There is no choice but to deal severely with Momin Khawaja and like-minded individuals," said prosecutor David McKercher. It is "highly questionable" whether he should ever be released from prison, he said.

"There is no indication of remorse whatsoever."

The Crown is recommending Khawaja receive two life sentences and an additional 44 years in prison. This means no chance of parole for at least 10 years.

On Oct. 29, 2008, the 29-year-old Orleans resident, who worked for the Department of Foreign Affairs, was found guilty of five of seven terrorism-related counts against him. He was the first person charged under Canada's post-9/11 anti-terrorism legislation.

Khawaja, who built a remote-controlled detonator device called the Hi-Fi Digi-monster, was "a central player" in a terrorist plot with targets in the U.K., said

Defence

Last week, defence lawyer Lawrence Greenspon told Ontario Superior Court Justice Douglas Rutherford that the software developer — who has spent the last four years and 10 months at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre — should be let off with time served through the two-for-one rule.

McKercher.

"His participation was indistinguishable from the five others who have already been convicted (in the U.K. in 2007)," he said.

"Momin Khawaja is the same person he was five and six years ago," he said, adding if he got the chance, he would likely do it again.

It is possible his views may change, making him eligible for parole, but for now, he and society must be separated, he said.

The Crown is seeking a DNA order and the forfeiture of the \$10,000 in cash, weapons, ammunition, electronics, and literature found at Khawaja's Orleans home.

The court resumes at 10 a.m. Friday for the final day of submissions.

OK'd transit plan to cost \$10M instead of \$13.4M

COUNCIL Bus trips are still free on weekends until the end of the month, but starting Monday, transit riders will need to show their passes or pay half-price fares.

December pass holders will get discounts for a new pass in March, but there will be no more free rides after February.

That is the transit rider incentive plan that city council voted for after rejecting OC Transpo's previously adver-

tised compensation package late Wednesday night.

It was irresponsible for OC Transpo to post the original incentive program before council approved it, said Mayor Larry O'Brien, but the new trimmed-down plan was a reasonable solution that would not transfer the burden onto taxpayers.

"It's unfortunate that some of the information that went up on the website was misleading," he said. "I'm al-

Rider incentive

- The final program lowers the cost to \$2.4 million, with another \$7.6 million to refund various passes, down from \$13.4 million that was projected on Monday.

so comfortable that taxpayers in the city would be much happier as a result."

"It might not be as good as what was reported originally,

but I think it is a good compromise," said Orleans Ward Coun. Bob Monette.

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet called it a desperation move that will delay a buildup to pre-strike ridership numbers.

"I think we had one chance to get this right and we got it wrong," he said. "It should have been a really generous return-to-transit that would have made people feel good about it. We've

just done enough to annoy people. It's a kind-of everybody loses package."

Now that the decision is made, Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen said the focus is on the revised 2009 transit budget, being presented on March 4.

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Ottawa police and fire attended a house fire at Tweedsmuir and Byron avenues Wednesday night. The fire was not suspicious and there were no injuries. METRO OTTAWA

Local



Cops seek bank heist suspect

Police are investigating after a man robbed the TD Canada Trust at Meadowlands and Prince of Wales Drive Wednesday. At about 4:30 p.m., a male suspect entered the bank and demanded money be placed into a yellow plastic bag. The suspect is a black male in his early 20s, between five-foot-seven and five-foot-10 with no facial hair, wearing black horn-rimmed glasses. He spoke with a Jamaican accent. METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa to de-amalgamate?

CITY HALL In the wake of another near-disastrous city council meeting Wednesday night, one urban councillor is suggesting that the city reconsider de-amalgamating.

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet said the city should start the groundwork to petition the province for a referendum on de-amalgamating in the next election.

Doucet said it made no sense having three or four rural councillors voting on issues like transit that have little effect on them and that their residents don't pay for.

"I've been hearing from a lot of people in the rural areas that they are not happy and council is certainly not working very well," he said.

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OC Transpo policy 'a huge farce'

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Hundreds of confused and frustrated transit riders lined up to purchase bus passes or ask about refunds Thursday in response to the sudden change in OC Transpo's December refund policy.

Standing in line at the Rideau Centre kiosk to purchase a new pass, Kris Layton said the entire program has turned into a "huge farce."

The city councillors "flip-flop back and forth. It's frustrating," he said. "They think that by making the books square for them, it's going to appease us. That's not really just, but you can't really do anything about it except not vote for them."

Waleed Jabran was in line to get a refund on his December express pass,



TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

A long line of angry and frustrated transit riders lined up at the OC Transpo kiosk in the Rideau Centre Thursday after city council rejected a post-strike incentive program on Wednesday.

because express service would not be coming back until April anyway.

"I'm pissed," he said. "Express bus passes pretty

much get screwed. We don't have buses in our area. So I'm just going to return my pass and get my \$100 and when they

do come back, I'll pay for it then."

Kanata North Coun. Marianne Wilkinson said that express pass holders

get a 20 per cent discount for April and May, but only if they hold onto their December passes.

She said kiosk agents should be informing people about that.

"It is a benefit in that they are getting more service than the value of the pass, but they can still cash their passes in," she said. "The problem is that they have to do it by Feb. 15. We are trying to extend that."

As she stood in line hoping to get some money back from a full-year pass, Epi Opar said the compensation measures have just made her angry.

"It's not enough. They went on strike for two months, over Christmas," she said.

"We were out of school and we couldn't go anywhere. Now people have to start paying again next week. It's just not enough."

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These results are not official.

Living donor exchange launched

SURGERY Two years ago, Gene Borys started to suffer kidney failure.

The Ottawa resident, who received his first kidney transplant from a deceased donor 11 years earlier in Vancouver, talked about options with his wife, Kelly Shannon, who offered to give him one of hers.

Unfortunately, Shannon wasn't a compatible match.

But somehow, it all worked out when an anonymous live kidney donor came forward.

What resulted was the region's first "domino sur-

gery" in late 2008 at the Ottawa Hospital, where three people received kidneys.

"We're very thankful for that," said Borys, 54, at a news conference at Canadian Blood Services in south Ottawa Thursday afternoon.

Thursday's event launched the national Living Donor Paired Exchange Registry, which is designed to match live kidney donors with suitable recipients who are suffering from end-stage renal disease and are in need of a transplant.

Often, healthy people are willing to give a kidney to a

family member or friend in need, but are unable, because their blood group or tissue type is incompatible, said Dr. Ed Cole with the University Health Network.

But in a paired exchange, a swap can be made between sets of kidney donors and recipients.

"It reduces waiting time for all those on the list," said Cole. "Those on the deceased donor list would benefit too, because the person that received the kidney would otherwise have to go onto a donor list."

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News in brief

HEART MONTH When it comes to matters of the heart, Ottawa residents are always more than willing to step up. Heart Month gets a lot of support here in the capital region, senior area manager for the Heart and Stroke Foundation Sue Flowers said. This month, there are more than 3,500 volunteers going door-to-door in the Ottawa region. "Ottawans have always been generous in volunteering their time and supporting us with their donations," said Flowers. Canvassers, along with community groups and businesses holding their own events, are expected to bring in \$350,000 — up

about 15 per cent from last year. The money raised goes towards ongoing research in Ottawa and across Ontario. "There's been a lot of great breakthroughs in the past 50 years or so, and the mortality rate has decreased. But there's still a lot left to do," she said. Heart disease and stroke are still the leading cause of death in Canada. "It will affect one in three Canadians. In Ottawa, 28 people are hospitalized every day." Heart Month is also about awareness, said Flowers. "We get the community to rally around the fundraiser and think about their own health."

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Police have released the names on two of the five teenagers arrested in connection with an aggravated assault that left two men in hospital. Ali Ismail Ali, 19, and Said Mohammed Muddei, 18, have been charged. METRO OTTAWA

Mythic beasts coming to life

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This spring, visitors to the Canadian Museum of Civilization have the opportunity to come face to face with a dragon, a griffin, a unicorn and even the fearsome sea monster Kraken.

In its newest exhibit announced earlier this week, Mythic Beasts: Dragons, Unicorns and Mermaids — which opens May 15 — the museum presents the legends and cultural roots of some of the world's most enduring mythical icons, including the phoenix, Cyclops, Mishepishu (a cat-like water spirit of Ojibwa lore) and the chupacabra, which is a vicious, dog-sized predator made popular by the Internet.

"Humans have long feared and sometimes worshipped magical beasts of the land, sea and air," president and CEO of the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corp. Victor Rabinovitch said. The exhibit runs through Sept. 20.

novitch said.

"Whether inspired by fossils, living animals or pure fiction, whether malevolent or beneficial, they have an undeniable hold on our imagination."

A collaboration between the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the Field Museum in Chicago, the Australian Maritime Museum in Sydney and the Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta, Mythic Beasts will include life-like models of some of the world's most famous mythical creatures, artifacts, sculptures, paintings, textiles and scientific materials.

"Mythic Beasts is a tremendous exhibition because it brings together history, psychology, religion, natural science and art to delve into an important dimension of human beliefs," Rabinovitch said.

The exhibit runs through Sept. 20.



Jim Durrell, chair of the Ottawa Convention Centre board, shows off the centre's new name and logo, unveiled Thursday. A totally rebuilt centre will open in April 2011.

Re-branding the Convention Centre

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DESIGN With work underway to demolish the building, the Ottawa Congress Centre will come back under a new name with a new logo.

Branded as Canada's meeting place, the new building will be called the Ottawa Convention Centre.

The new name more accurately conveys the product they are attempting to sell to American and international customers and businesses.

"We will now be able to market Ottawa very effectively in the United States and very effectively in Europe," said Jim Durrell, chair of the OCC board. "We couldn't do that before. Our centre was way too small and quite frankly

we just weren't in the game."

The new, tulip-like logo reflects the building's unique design and the flower that has come to represent the city.

The colours of blue, green and red were chosen to reflect the nearby rivers and proximity to the Rideau Canal, the green space in the capital, and Ottawa's place as the national capital.



City police looking for robbery suspects

CRIME Ottawa police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying three suspects believed to be involved in four separate armed robberies that took place between Oct. 15, 2008 and Jan. 8.

The first robbery occurred on Oct. 15 at the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex on Youville Drive in Orleans.

The second and third robberies occurred at a Food Basics grocery store in the 1400 block of Merivale Road on Dec. 8 and 22, 2008, and the fourth robbery occurred at the Independent grocery store in the 1600 block of Orleans Boulevard on Jan. 8. The suspects are all Caucasian males in their early 20s. One of the suspects has a large tattoo on his right inside forearm.

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Women who have migraines may have a raised risk of suffering from high blood pressure during pregnancy, 2.85 times more likely than women who don't suffer migraines. They're also at risk of preeclampsia, a complication that can affect the mother and unborn baby, Italian researchers reported. **REUTERS**

World

Many nations ignore human trafficking: UN

HUMAN RIGHTS Human trafficking, mostly of women and children, for the sex trade or forced labour market appears to be getting worse because many countries are ignoring the problem, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime said Thursday.

It gave no figure for the number of people trafficked every year, but a U.S. State Department report has put it at 800,000 compared with the International Labour Organization's 2005 estimate that 2.5 million people were being trafficked annually.

The UNODC study said 40 per cent of affected countries had not registered a single conviction, crucial to deterrence.

REUTERS

Livni takes win in final vote count

ISRAEL Final results of Israel's parliamentary election confirmed on Thursday that the centrist Kadima party of Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni won the contest with 28 seats over Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing Likud, with 27 seats.

The count did nothing to resolve a dispute between the two parties over who should head the next government. Netanyahu claims he should lead a coalition, because of parliament's broad right-wing majority that would back him.

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Women with migraines face raised pregnancy risks

Speedy songbird migration

Migrating songbirds can get back up north to their breeding grounds in astonishingly fast time, with some travelling up to 577 kilometres a day, York University researchers reported on Thursday. Data from geo-tracked purple martins and wood thrushes showed the birds moseyed south in the fall, but raced north in the spring, perhaps to snatch up the best nesting sites and mates.

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6 arrested in Mumbai probe

Pakistan was holding in custody the suspected ringleader and five other suspects in the conspiracy behind a militant attack that killed 179 people in Mumbai, the top Pakistani Interior Ministry official said on Thursday.

"Some part of the conspiracy has taken place in Pakistan," Rehman Malik, adviser to the prime minister on the interior, told a news conference, noting that six suspects were in custody and two were known but still at large.

Pakistani officials shared the findings of the investi-

Tensions still high

- Since the attack on Mumbai between Nov. 26 and 28, tensions have remained high as India maintains the plot was hatched in Pakistan by a jihadist group called Lashkar-e-Taiba.

gation with India's envoy in Islamabad. The Indian Foreign Ministry issued a statement describing the Pakistani actions as a "positive development."

Tracing telephone calls and bank transfers had led to the capture of a key fig-

ure in the conspiracy, Hammad Amin Sadiq, Malik said, calling him "the main operator."

The spokesman noted Pakistan has learned "the full rundown" from some of the arrested, including details of the plot: how terrorists sailed from Karachi to Mumbai on a fishing vessel, the training they were given and the equipment used.

Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, Zarar Shah and Javed Iqbal were still in custody, Malik said, as well as two partially identified men called Khan and Riaz.

REUTERS

Scientists knew satellite crash possible early on

SPACE European space scientists were aware of the potential for a close encounter between Russian and U.S. satellites before they crashed.

But the difficulty of predicting orbits and "noise" from thousands of pieces of debris made a definitive prediction of a collision impossible.

Philippe Goudy, deputy director of the French space operations control centre, said data showed a "possible approach" but it didn't "necessarily mean a collision."

The crash between a privately owned U.S. communications satellite and a defunct Russian military satellite occurred on Tuesday, 780 kilometres above the Arctic in a crowded polar orbit used by satellites

"You can calculate potential collisions ... but orbits change."

Bo Anderson

that monitor weather, relay communications and perform scientific surveys.

Scientists say predicting collisions is difficult because of the unpredictable behaviour of other objects, solar radiation, the gravitational effect of the moon and Earth and atmosphere wisps that can skew orbits.

"You can calculate potential collisions some time in advance but orbits change, especially when you have a defunct satellite which you cannot correct," said Bo Andersen, director general of the Norwegian Space Agency.

REUTERS

Venezuela Chavez rule at stake in referendum



A supporter of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez campaigns in front of a mural of socialist hero Ernesto Che Guevara in Caracas Wednesday. Venezuela's larger-than-life President Chavez is playing for his future on Sunday in a referendum that may let him govern for another decade or more — or end his socialist revolution in four years. A high turnout is expected for the vote on changing the constitution to scrap term limits for the president and other politicians.

Women protest Hindu group

INDIA Thousands of Indians, many fuming over an assault on women in a pub last month, are vowing to fill bars on Valentine's Day and send cartons of pink panties to a radical Hindu group that has branded outgoing females immoral.

Sri Ram Sena, blamed for the attacks, said pubs are for men, and that women should stay home and cook for their husbands. Not to be outdone, Sri Ram Sena has vowed to gift pink saris to women and marry off couples on Feb. 14.

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News in brief

VATICAN Pope Benedict, trying to defuse a controversy over a Holocaust-denying bishop, called the act of Holocaust denial a "terrible crime," especially coming from a clergyman. He also announced an upcoming trip to Israel in May.

BRITAIN A British bishop was arrested on suspicion of child cruelty after he helped his two young sons to perch on top of the chimney of their house to read a book as part of a school project. Bishop Jonathan Blake took his sons, aged seven and eight, onto the roof for a school competition to find the most unusual place to read a book.

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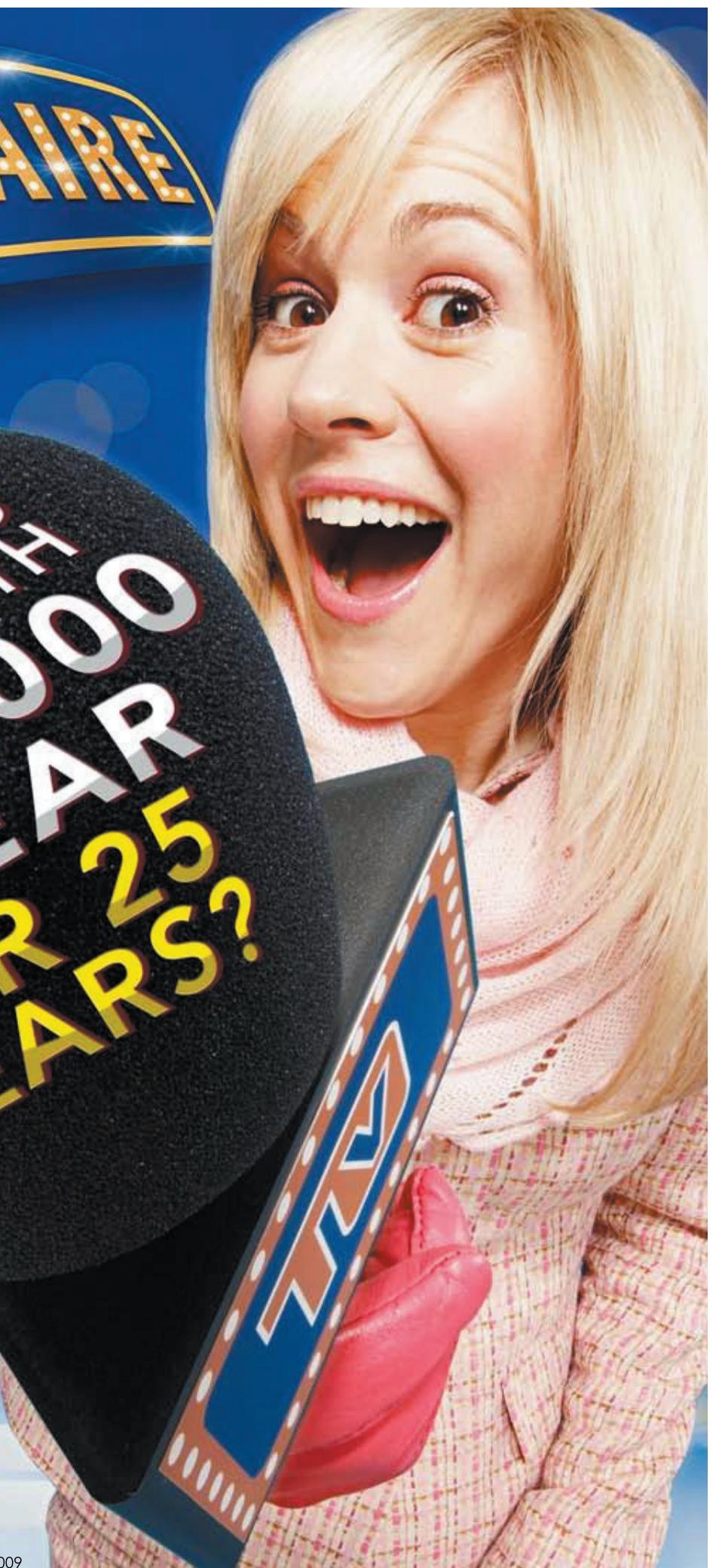
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In these hard economic times, who wouldn't like to win \$500,000? Heck, I'd like to win half a million no matter what the economy is doing!

And that's exactly what Russell Quantz hoped would happen when he entered one of the biggest contests in Canada, the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes.

How does it work? You can sign up online. Or if you take out a Reader's Digest subscription, you get the magazine in the mail. And along with it, come letters about the company's sweepstakes. And

brochures, advertising products for sale — like CDs, books and DVDs.

Now, you don't have to buy the products to play the sweepstakes, but we've learned their marketing tactics have left a lot of Canadians confused.

Like Russell Quantz, of Claresholm, Alta. He thought the more products he ordered, the better his chance of winning the sweepstakes. And no wonder. The letters from Reader's Digest talked about a "completed cash release confirmation," "cash guaranteed for award..." and "a prize reference code." And the envelopes were stamped with words like "urgent," "reply immediately," "don't delay!" He thought that meant he was days away from this \$500,000 dream.

"Their marketing tactics have left a lot of Canadians confused."

More tips to protect yourself and family from spending money on sweepstakes at metronews.ca/johnson

Trouble is, Quantz spent almost \$7,000 chasing that dream — a bill with Reader's Digest so big, he couldn't pay it. And he's not the

only one who's gone into debt thinking they were about to get rich. We've heard from many

people saying they feel misled by the company's marketing. One Canadian family has even filed a class action lawsuit against Reader's Digest Canada after a family member spent \$8,000 on products.

A crackdown south of the border forced Reader's Digest U.S. to change its marketing tactics. Now, in the U.S., every letter from Reader's Digest has to include a

separate piece of paper spelling out in BIG print that people don't have to buy products to play the sweepstakes. And Reader's Digest has to write any customer who spends more than \$1,000 in a six-month period — and tell them they don't have to buy products.

But in Canada, it's business as usual. Reader's Digest Canada declined an interview request and instead sent us a letter. Its main point — its rules are perfectly clear. By the way, those rules are typed in fine print so small you practically need a magnifying glass to read it.

It's all made Quantz doubt the Reader's Digest motto: Canada's "Most Read, Most Trusted" magazine.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. (9 p.m. NT) on CBC Television.



Letters

History is replete with atrocities masked by religion

Re: Atheist ads promote debate, understanding (Feb. 5)

It appears many readers are upset at the possibility of some lighthearted advertisements that suggest atheism has a right to exist. I support and encourage these ads.

One reader claimed a lack of religion as the reason for "murders and rapes." This despite the fact that only last year the Pope himself was compelled to apologize for centuries of church-shielded sexual abuse.

Murders? 9/11 was a religiously driven mass murder. History is replete with atrocities masked by the banner of religious expedience and countless innocent lives lost in the name of someone else's "one true path."

Another reader claims that, "in a time of war" it is distasteful to have such advertisements.

If your readers are acquiescing to a religious authority above our right to free thought, then perhaps they have more in com-

mon with the zealot Taliban. Our troops should be honoured, but not by using their sacrifice to encourage a theocracy at home.

RICK KAULBARS, OTTAWA

Don't believe something without searching for truth

Re: Flowers grown in blood, say Colombians (Feb. 10)

As a Colombian and professional in international commerce, I was saddened to see how a small group of people got people's attention with "unreal" news.

Before I came to Vancouver, I used to live in Medellin, Colombia. It was called "the capital of the flowers" before being called "the capital of cocaine." It's not easy for Colombians to change people's minds about our country, so we try to do so with good things like flowers, coffee, bananas, coal and other products.

We had a farm beside these camps and I never saw 10-year-old children working on these fields.

Canadians, please do not believe something without searching for the truth.

LUIS ARDILA, VANCOUVER

Views

Ottawa food prices: Battering wallets?

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Steve Collins

What does food security have to do with the price of ground beef in Ottawa?

This week, the Heart and Stroke Foundation issued a report on the surprising discrepancies in the cost of healthy foods across Canada, which could put them out of the reach of the poor.

Their standard basket of heart-smart groceries costs \$225.07 in Ottawa, one of the most exorbitant totals in Ontario, whether compared to big smoke Toronto (\$185.44), isolated Bearskin Lake (\$216.15) or even just-down-the-road Kingston

(\$164.47). Only Dryden, at \$240.70, offered a rawer deal.

Some foods cost more here than the national average, some less. But according to the survey, a kilo of lean ground beef, which across Canada costs on average \$7.18, somehow averaged \$13.21 here. In notoriously expensive Nunavut, the cost was only \$11.99.

Why? Good question. Methodology can always be questioned (lean ground beef could be had at Hartman's Your Independent Grocer this week for \$8.13 per kilo), but food pricing is far from transparent.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation, after the usual nagging about the vital importance of fruits, veggies and whole grains, noted that alcohol prices are regulated upwards for health reasons, so why not regulate the

price of basic healthy foods downwards?

Indeed, in November, as the economy tanked and the growing ranks of the cash-choked perhaps felt

need of a drink, Ontario hiked the legal minimum price of a case of beer 6.25 per cent, to \$26.50. The Ministry of Finance admitted to being lobbied by the big brewers, but piously insisted the decision was taken with only the health of Ontarians in mind.

The foundation's report quoted the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's definition of "food security" as a state in which "all people at all times have the economic and physical access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food necessary to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life."

"A lack of food security,"

the report warned, "due to economic and geographic barriers is a significant determinant of health and an important heart health issue for some Canadians."

While the Heart and Stroke study got plenty of ink, there was almost zero media coverage for Food Secure Canada's national assembly on just such issues, held in Ottawa last November.

The conference necessitated a mad scramble for organic and local food to feed the expertly fussy delegates. One would hardly be surprised, once the bill was presented, if organizers started looking to places like Barrie, where, extrapolating wildly from the foundation study, the grub might have been 30 per cent cheaper.

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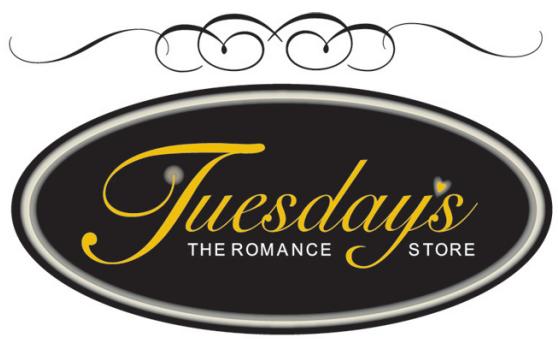
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Howard Stern says satellite radio will survive
 Shock jock Howard Stern dismissed the financial troubles plaguing Sirius XM Radio Inc. as "growing pains" and said he believes satellite radio will be a successful business amid reports that the company is preparing for a possible bankruptcy filing. **REUTERS**



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Busy times for Wall Street Cupids

It's all doom and gloom on Wall Street, but high-end matchmakers say when America's wealthiest bachelors are humbled, some start looking for love.

"In these economic times, the dynamics have really shifted in favour of relationships," said Rachel Greenwald, matchmaker and author of a new book called *Why He Didn't Call You Back*.

"Casual dating seemed to be a byproduct of the go-go days of past years when the stock market was booming," Greenwald said.

"People had disposable money and they wanted disposable relationships. Now things have really shifted emotionally."

Samantha Daniels says she has more clients than ever willing to pay \$25,000 and up a year to meet women through her company, Samantha's Table. She said some men simply have more time to focus on relationships because their business is on hold, for example those in real estate or hedge funds.

"In these economic times, the dynamics have really shifted in favour of relationships."

Rachel Greenwald, matchmaker

Others are not in the mood for endless first dates with different women and want a partner who will deal with their ups and downs.



Amy Andersen, founder of Linx Dating in California, said February is set to be her best month ever.

She recently spent a week at a luxury hotel in New York interviewing some 20 women for a client who wanted to meet a graduate of the same Ivy League university he attended.

The client, who paid more than \$50,000 for the search, is "slowly dating one of the girls and trying to figure out if there's long-term potential there," Andersen said. **REUTERS**

Indonesia Denouncing coal



Greenpeace activists and local community representatives take part in a protest outside the Cilacap coal plant in Indonesia yesterday to denounce the construction of more such plants. More than 3,000 residents or 90 per cent of people living around the plant suffer from respiratory illnesses that can be attributed to dust pollution coming from it, local media recently reported.

Manulife posts \$1.87B quarterly loss

REPORT Manulife Financial Corp., Canada's largest insurer, reported a big quarterly loss yesterday, hit by a jump in reserves and plummeting global stock markets.

The company said it lost \$1.87 billion, or \$1.24 a share, in the fourth quarter ended Dec. 31, compared with a profit of \$1.14 billion, or 75 cents a share, in the same period last year.

Manulife said the sharp decline in global equity markets had led it to increase its balance sheet reserves to cover investment guarantees linked to some of its products to \$5.783 billion at the end of 2008 from \$526 million at the end of 2007. **REUTERS**

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CANWEST Debt-laden Canwest Global Communications Corp., Canada's biggest media company, may face bankruptcy as the weak economy wreaks havoc on its stable of television stations and newspapers, and buyers for its assets fail to materialize. Even if the properties are sold, the proceeds would barely make a dent in Canwest's debtload of about \$3.7 billion.

RETAIL Sales at U.S. retailers rebounded in January, rising one per cent, government data showed yesterday, likely boosted by post-holiday discounts and providing a rare glimmer of hope for the recession-hit economy. **REUTERS**

Plekanec suspended for two gamesThe NHL suspended Montreal Canadiens forward Tomas Plekanec for two games Thursday for taking down the Oilers' Denis Grebeshkov Wednesday night. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Call it a hot streak

NHL RESULT**Senators 5 Flyers 2**

THE SKINNY: The Senators put together another decent road performance as they won for the second time in as many nights.

THE WINNING STREAK:

The Senators have now won three consecutive games for the first time this season.

THE PIZZA LINE: Ottawa's big line of Dany Heatley, Daniel Alfredsson and Jason Spezza combined for five points. Heatley picked up his 23rd and 24th



Ottawa Senators winger Daniel Alfredsson scores a goal past Philadelphia Flyers goalie Antero Niittymaki Thursday.

goals of the season.

NO. 900 FOR DONO: Senators forward Shean Donovan skated in his 900th career NHL game last night.

THE ROAD TRIP: Ottawa is in the middle of a five game road trip that will see the team

move on to play against Minnesota, Nashville and Colorado before returning home in the middle of next week.

THE NEXT GAME: Ottawa travels to St. Paul, Minn., on Saturday night for a meeting with the Wild.

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Paddock rips Murray, Sens

FIRING LINE Former Senators coach John Paddock went on the offensive Thursday, telling the Camden Courier-Post of New Jersey that blame for the Sens' failures rest on the shoulders of general manager Bryan Murray.

And in the wake of Craig Hartsburg's dismissal, Paddock believes Murray deserves to be next on the firing line.

"I think now he's next in

line," Paddock told the newspaper.

"We were 14 games over .500 when I was fired. They're seven under now. Somebody needs to take responsibility for that. Whether the coaches he

hired and fired were good or not, they're his players and they're either not playing good or can't play, one or the other."

Paddock, who is currently the head coach of the AHL's Philadelphia Phantoms, then leaned to the latter.

"The players are not very good, that's the problem," he said.

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Cohon responds with open letter

FOOTBALL CFL commissioner Mark Cohon shot back at Eugene Melnyk's group in an open letter to the City of Ottawa Thursday, taking the MLS camp to task with statements made about the long-term viability of a CFL team in the nation's capital.

Cohon also said suggestions that it would take as many as six Grey Cup games to draw the estimated \$50-\$60 million an MLS team would bring to the local economy annually are untrue.

"Canadian football's signature event — the Grey Cup — has endured two World Wars, the Great Depression, and more than a few cynics who have predicted its demise only to be proven emphatically wrong time and again by Canadians," Cohon wrote. "Last



"The Grey Cup ... has endured two World Wars, the Great Depression, and more than a few cynics."

Mark Cohon

year's Grey Cup was played in front of 66,308 fans in Montreal, the second-largest live audience in its history, which spans 96 Grey Cup games."

Melnyk is heading a group that is in the bidding for an MLS franchise, while Ottawa 67's owner Jeff Hunt heads a group that has received a conditional CFL team — both depend on securing stadiums, which the city has proclaimed will only be one or the other.

Cohon was further adamant on how much revenue Grey Cups do generate.

"According to a news re-

lease issued July 3, 2008, by the Canadian Sports Tourism Alliance, the total economic activity (GDP) generated by the 2007 Grey Cup in Toronto was more than \$80.1 million throughout the province, with \$52.9 million occurring in Toronto," Cohon wrote.

The Canadian Sports Tourism Alliance reported that these expenditures generated more than \$25.6 million in wages and salaries, and supported nearly 624 jobs, of which 475 occurred in Toronto. These are their numbers, not the CFL's."

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Thursday, saying statements made in the Mitchell Report on doping in baseball are protected. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Clouston has a right to be upset

So Ottawa Senators coach **Cory Clouston** and sniper **Dany Heatley** may, or may not, be at odds over something or other these days.

Is their alleged "rift" the product of a 24-hour news cycle and talk radio blowhards or is there more to it than that?

Who cares? If I'm the new coach of

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the Ottawa Senators, I'm not really happy with Heatley or any of his other team-

mates these days. It seems that whoever is in charge behind the Senators bench, there is a sense of entitlement and a country-club attitude that can't seem to go away.

So bravo to Clouston for trying to change all of that. Not only has he had his out-of-shape players sucking wind with his up-tempo workouts, he had the audacity to point out that a player

who is pulling down \$10 million this season — \$7.5 million against the salary cap — isn't exactly producing the kind of season requisite with that salary.

The fact is, it doesn't matter whether Clouston is upset with Heatley these days. Even if he isn't, he should be.

As is the case with most of his teammates, Heatley's game has slipped dramati-

cally this season. In fact, he really hasn't been the same player since he essentially disappeared in the Stanley Cup final in 2007.

After posting seasons of plus-29, plus-31 and plus-33 in his first three years in Ottawa, Heatley is on pace to record a disastrous minus-15 this season. He's on pace to score just 35 goals, and after recording 300-plus shots in each of his first two seasons in Ottawa, Heatley's shot totals will be in the low 200s for the second-straight season. After another good start, he has gone periods of six and eight games without scoring a goal.

That indicates a couple of things — that Heatley isn't working hard enough to get his stick on the puck and he's not going to the dirty areas players need to go in order to score goals.

Of course, Heatley is not alone in this, he's just one of a number of Senators who chose this season to have their games go down the sinkhole. But when a star player isn't playing to his capabilities — and there's nobody who could argue Heatley is doing that — he can expect to hear it from his coach once in a while.

A-Rod shamed

game: Selig

MLB Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig released a statement Thursday addressing this past week's revelation that New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez admitted to steroid use.

"I am saddened by the revelations concerning Alex Rodriguez's use of performance-enhancing substances," Selig said. "While Alex deserves credit for publicly confronting the issue, there is no valid excuse for using such substances and those who use them have shamed the game. What Alex did was wrong and he will have to live with the damage he has done to his name and reputation."

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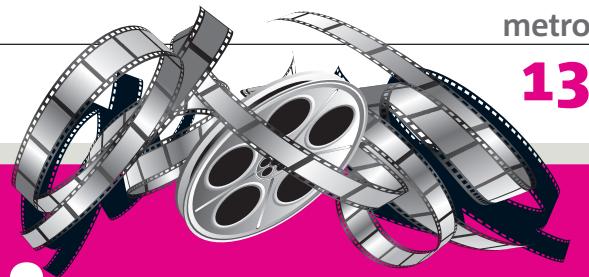
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Shopaholic is a fun interpretation of the first in the best-selling Shopaholic book series and lives up to a Jerry Bruckheimer quality with plenty of laughs and a sweet — however predictable — romance. Isla Fisher proves charismatic and vivacious.

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Shopaholic deserves credit

Confessions of a Shopaholic

Director: P.J. Hogan
Stars: Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●½

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Confessions of a Shopaholic doesn't disappoint as a fluffy chick flick with a bit of a message that may be perfectly in time with the global recession.

But leave your credit cards at home when you go see it. It takes some willpower to avoid the temptation to shop after being inundated with fashion eye candy for just under two hours.

True to Sophie Kinsella's book of the same name, Shopaholic's main character Rebecca Bloomwood (Isla Fisher) is a hardcore shopping addict who's racked up over

Isla Fisher, centre, stars as shopping addict Rebecca Bloomwood in *Confessions of a Shopaholic*.

\$9,000 in credit card debt.

Still, she continues to spend, summoned into shops by store mannequins that come to life as she walks down the streets of Manhattan and spends her every waking moment avoiding the an-

noyingly dorky collections' agency guy on her trail.

It's a fun interpretation of the first in the best-selling Shopaholic series and lives up to Jerry Bruckheimer quality with plenty of laughs and a sweet — however predictable — romance between Fisher and

hot up-and-coming Brit Hugh Dancy.

Fisher is well-chosen for the part as the charismatic and vivacious, but at times goofy and awkward, Rebecca who seems ignorant of her own beauty and talent as a journalist.

Coveting a job at the

Plot grounds The International

The International

Director: Tom Tykwer
Stars: Clive Owen, Naomi Watts
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There should be no doubt that *The International* is a big movie. It's practically the only revealing aspect one might reason from its vague, incon-

clusive title.

Indeed, filmed in four countries across two continents, *The International* may be a global thriller, but it may also be too sprawling for its own good.

Interpol agent Louis Salinger (Clive Owen) has dedicated his career to taking down a powerful international bank that has been secretly dealing in financing terrorism around the world. After an associate is mysteriously killed, he seeks support from a Manhattan District Attor-

ney (Naomi Watts) and sets out to chase down the cold-blooded corporate culprits from Berlin to Milan to New York and Istanbul.

Unfortunately, as fascinating as these locales are — and director Tom Tykwer (*Run Lola Run*) does make them look fantastic — this worldwide chase becomes plodding and tiresome early on by an eagerness to establish expanse (we all get it, it's a big bank).

In fact, it isn't until Salinger finds himself in a well-choreographed shoot-

out in Manhattan's Guggenheim that *The International* becomes the taut, suspenseful homage to '70s thrillers like *The French Connection* that it aspires to be. In this scene, Tykwer exceeds at creating an intensely thrilling sequence that will surely end up *The International*'s lone lasting impression.

Playing an all-but-defeated obsessive, Owen looks authentically exhausted. He appears as disheveled and worn as his world-weary character but then, that might've been more because

Clive Owen star in the thriller *The International*.

of the actor's exaggerated travel schedule.

In the end, it's the superfluous, tedious story that bogs down *The International* and makes its audience feel jet-lagged — as if they were the ones dragged across four countries and two continents.

No scares in this Friday

Friday the 13th

Director: Marcus Nispel
Stars: Jared Padalecki
Classification: R
Rating: ●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW When director Gus Van Sant remade *Psycho* back in 1998, it was slayed by critics. Although trying to recreate the Hitchcock classic shot-for-shot was a daft experiment, it was doomed to fail. You cannot recapture lightning in a bottle twice. Why even try?

Friday the 13th is one so-called classic in which that strategy may have actually helped. After all, the original 1980 version was a low-budget, low-brow horror flick that looks horrific by today's standards. A revamped shot-by-shot remake from a talented director might actually give the gore-fest some gas.

Instead, director Marcus Nispel "re-imagines" *Friday the 13th* and its classic killer Jason Voorhees by form-fitting it into a common model. Sure, he gives the franchise a much-needed steroid boost but by turning the film's awareness in on itself, he loses the authenticity of the horror.

There's no mistaking *Friday*'s intentions — this is definitely for Jason Voorhees fans. But, with very little suspense to speak of, *Friday the 13th* isn't scary at all ... unless of course, you're a film critic.

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Oscar speeches: Shorter is better

InFocus



Richard Crouse

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H and me now already the statuette award." With those dippy doodle words Emil Jannings became the first Academy Award winner for best actor. It was a short and sweet speech which set the template for other loopy acceptance speeches to come — well, except for the short part. Oscar speeches range from funny ("It couldn't have happened to an older guy," said 80-year-old George Burns of his Sunshine Boys win) to inflammatory (Michael Moore's,

The 81st Annual Academy Awards

"Shame on you Mr. Bush! Shame on you!" outburst) to bizarre ("I am so in love with my brother," cooed Girl, Interrupted Best Sup-

porting Actress Angelina Jolie) to heartfelt ("You like me!" yelped Sally Fields, "You really like me!"), but to make a really successful speech there just are four basic rules:

1. Keep it short.; 2. Give Thanks; 3. Be memorable; 4. Be Coherent.

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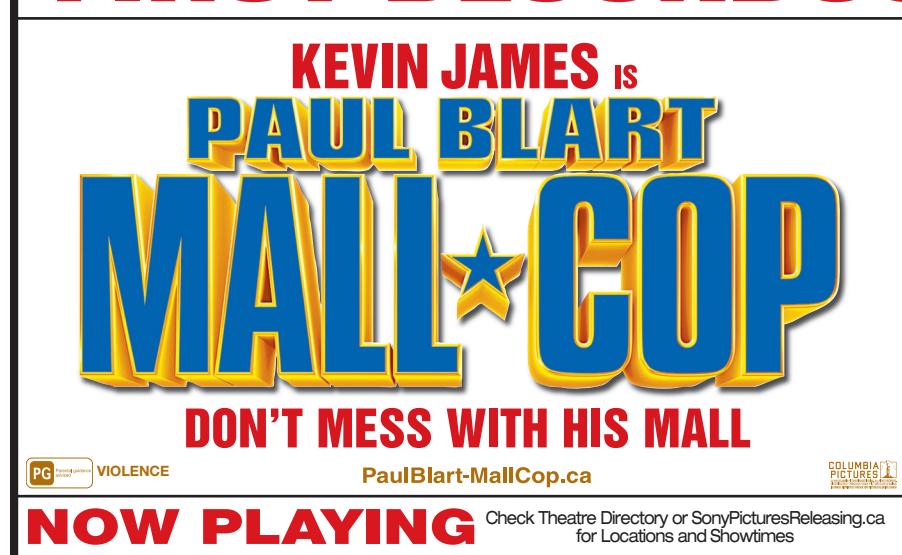
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Cruise set to spy movie

Tom Cruise is in talks to join The Matarese Circle, which David Cronenberg is already attached to. Cronenberg is in the director's chair for MGM's adaptation of the Robert Ludlum spy story. TOTALFILM.COM

Sticks lost in translation

Welcome to the Sticks

Director: Dany Boon
Stars: Kad Merad, Dany Boon
Classification: STC
Rating: 

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada



Welcome To The Sticks comes to North America as France's highest grossing film. Dany Boon's tale of an uptight urbanite from southern France who is forced to move to a small village in the north might have native viewers keeling over in hysterics, but sadly most of the comedy is lost in translation.

Much of the film's humour is so regionally specific that it will provoke little more confused stares from international audiences. With a running gag based on how the locals pronounce the French language, subtitles are not this



A scene from the French film *Welcome to the Sticks*.

movie's friend.

The film stars Kad Merad as Philippe, a post office manager so desperate for a transfer to a beautiful locale that he attempts to trick his superiors into thinking he's handicapped. After some admittedly inspired wheelchair slapstick, Philippe is quickly sent to a rural outpost as punishment.

Though he initially fears his new surroundings, he soon discovers that "hey, northerners are nice people after all" (ain't that sweet?). It's all pretty predictable stuff, but the North vs. South comedy clearly played as well with the French as Bon Cop, Bad Cop did with Canadians. However, just like our highest grossing domestic film, *Welcome To The Sticks*

won't have the same life internationally.

Dany Boon is clearly trying to craft a French Local Hero, but his film just doesn't have the same universal appeal. Sure, the ultimate message of both movies is the same, but Boon's love of broad physical humour prevents his film from being anywhere near as realistic or touching.

Rumba light in darkness

Rumba

Directors: Dominique Abel, Fiona Gordon, Bruno Romy

Stars: Dominique Abel, Fiona Gordon

Classification: PG

Rating: 

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada



REVIEW *Rumba* is a new Belgian farce from the three-headed comedy directing team of Dominique Abel, Fiona Gordon, and Bruno Romy. The team has previously directed a feature film, along with a few shorts, and seems determined to revive silent slapstick comedy for the new millennium.

Rumba is heavily influenced by traditional clowning and is undeniably old fashioned in its approach to comedy. While the filmmakers' complicated slapstick never quite reaches the unrelenting comedic heights of the best contemporary examples of the genre, the movie is nonetheless charmingly nostalgic.

Two of *Rumba*'s directors — Fiona Gordon and Dominique Abel — star as the appropriately named Fiona and Dom, a pair of public school teachers who attend dance competitions on the side. A failed suicide attempt by a stranger causes the couple to crash their car following one such competition, leaving Fiona without a leg and Dom without his memory. The rest of the film follows their attempts to recover from the accident.

Although that plot description sounds thoroughly depressing, the film is actually a light comedy from start to finish. Because the plot is told almost exclusively through physical comedy with only a few lines of dialogue, it's hard to ever take anything too seriously and that's what makes the film work.

Were this a simple exercise in slapstick, the jokes would get tired very quickly due to familiarity. However, since the plot and themes are so dark, the physical gags seem fresh and exciting in context.

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Sea 3-D
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Under the Sea 3-D

Director: Howard Hall

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Visually stunning from the first frame to the last and laced with plenty of information that will subtly educate the stunned and awed audience, Under the Sea 3-D is one of the most impressive examples of the IMAX 3-D format to date.

The film was directed by Howard Hall, whose previous underwater IMAX project, Deep Sea 3-D, is the second highest grossing IMAX doc to date. Hall is a master of creating immersive 3-D images that bring the audience as close to actual underwater diving as possible without getting wet (perhaps next time he can equip theatres with special sprinkler systems to bring the experience to the next level).

The movie is filled with unforgettable images that come alive on the massive IMAX screens. Some sequences such as a sea turtle eating a jellyfish or the bizarre mating rituals of the giant cuttlefish have an almost hypnotic pictorial beauty.

When combined with the increasingly impressive modern 3-D technology the result is gorgeously stylized, yet realistic enough to have children and gullible adults grasping at the screen.

Due to the vast scope of the IMAX screen the 3-D technology is not merely a gimmick like the goofy '50s horror films John Candy used to mock on SCTV, but an incredible form of immersive visual storytelling that makes the screen feel like a window.

There's no denying that the primary success of Under the Sea lies in its wow factor. Jim Carrey narrates the piece, dropping facts to keep things educational, but frequently the imagery is so compelling that it can be difficult to concentrate on anything else.

Screen Times

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- THE LOST FINGERS, *LOST IN THE 80S*:

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No love for these songs

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

and maudlin lyrics, this 1991 song by the Canadian rocker-turned-shutterbug calls up images of adolescent boys and girls standing on opposite sides of the gymnasium, until forced by the teacher to pair up and awkwardly hold each other while waddling in a spacious circle.

• **My Heart Will Go On, Celine Dion:** Pretty much anything done by Quebec's greatest mistake will induce bile faster than ingesting a bowl of week-old poutine, but there's a special place in hell for this one. The histrionic, maple-

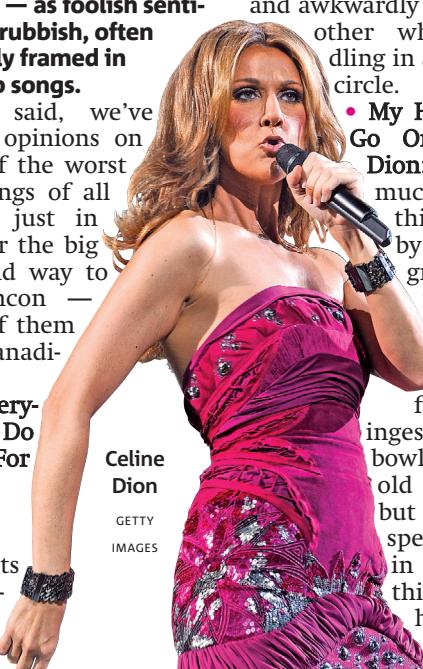
flavoured sap of Dion's most notorious work will have you rejoicing at Leonardo DiCaprio's death in *Titanic*. "Jack, I'm flying," Kate Winslet says. Jack, I'm throwing up in my mouth.

• **Every Rose Has Its Thorn, Poison:** Just like every hair band has a crap love song, frontman Bret Michaels wrote this power ballad after an affair with a Los Angeles stripper went bad. Dejected after hearing a man's voice in the background during a phone call to her, Michaels concocted this noxious faux-country tale of woe in a laundromat. Today, his romantic misfires are documented on *Rock Of Love*, a TV series on which you can at least change the channel.

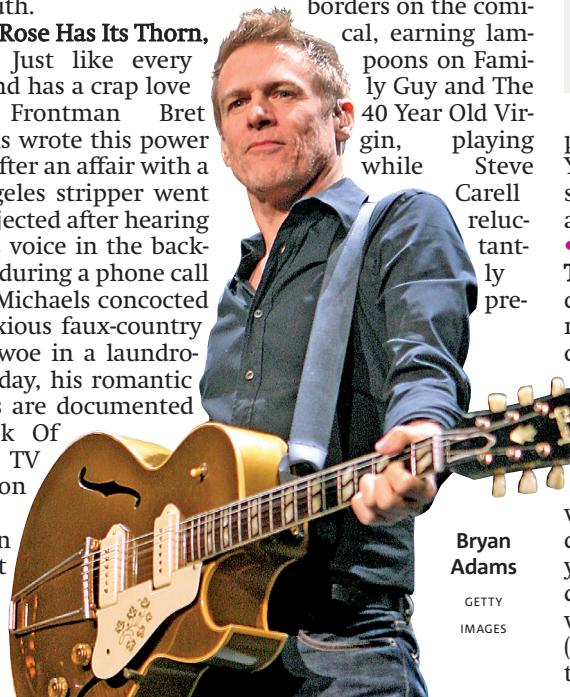
• **Hello, Lionel Richie:** A romantic R&B classic from multi-platinum album *Can't Slow Down*, guaranteed to make you giggle more than swoon. The singer's vulnerability

• **Still The One, Shania Twain:** This Canadian country catastrophe is more likely to encourage a coma than a romance. It

plays while you fall half-asleep in the waiting room at the dentist's office, it's the tune that's sung by the tone-deaf waitress on karaoke Tuesday nights and the song your uncle and aunt slow-dance to on their 25th wedding anniversary (which I suppose is romantic in its way).



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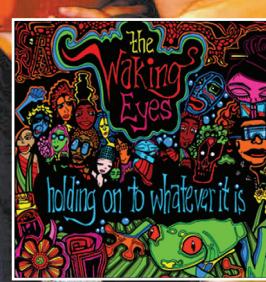
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1. Raising Sand, Robert Plant & Alison Krauss, left; 2. Viva La Vida, Coldplay; 3. Working On A Dream, Bruce Springsteen; 4. Slumdog Millionaire soundtrack; 5. 19, Adele. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Eminem, pals drop No. 1 single

CHARTS The rap triumvirate of Eminem, Dr. Dre and 50 Cent soared 77 places to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart on Thursday.

Their collaboration Crack a Bottle sold 418,000 downloads during its first week of availability, outpacing the old first-week record of 335,000 downloads shifted last October by T.I.'s Live Your Life featuring Rihanna.

REUTERS

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Avoid a mixtape mishap

The true meaning behind these love songs might surprise you

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

If your plans this Valentine's Day include creating a mixtape for your beloved, here are some helpful hints that will help you avoid anyone, er, misinterpreting your true intentions.

• **One, U2:** Like U2 themselves, I've been to far too many weddings where this has been the bride and groom's first dance and each time I cringe. First, the song had such a difficult birth that it almost resulted in the breakup of U2. More importantly, is the grudging love/hate nature of the lyrics. The

Valentine's Day

wrong message: We're together, but only because we have to be to survive. • **With or Without You, U2:** Sure, it sounds all romantic, but again, take a very close listen to the lyrics. The song is written from the perspective of a man who both loves and reviles the object of his affections and is tortured by the contradictions of the relationship. The wrong message: Women — can't live with them, can't live without them.

• **Every Breath You Take, The Police:** A track that sounds like a love song, but is actually a statement of malicious intent by a stalker. And do you really want to include a song that Sting was inspired to write after he separated from his first wife? On a happier

note, Sting was in Jamaica at the time and wrote the song on the same desk that Ian Fleming used when he wrote all those James Bond novels.

Then again, James Bond isn't the most faithful of men, either, is he? The wrong message: I'm watching you — and I'm gonna get

you when you least expect it.

• **Crash into Me, Dave Matthews Band:** Just like Every Breath You Take, the narrator of the song is a stalker-ish creep, specifically a peeping tom. And the bit about being "tied up and twisted?"

Hmm. The

wrong message: I'm a perv.

• **The Best of My Love,**



Every Breath You Take sounds like a love song, but is actually a statement of malicious intent by a stalker.

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The Eagles: Don Henley's ode to inadequacy. What part of "You got the best of my love/I guess that wasn't enough" is unclear? The wrong message: I did my best to please you, but I guess I'm just an inadequate dork.

• **The One I Love, REM:** For

get the angry minor

key for a second, although that doesn't help. Instead,

skip to the part where Michael Stipe calls the subject of the song "A simple prop to occupy my time."

The wrong message: You're a waste of space and I feel abandoned because of it.

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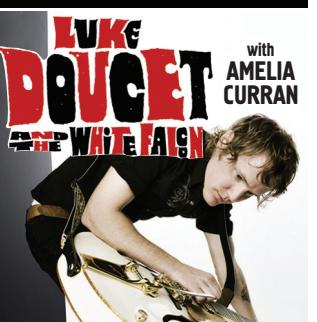
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Top 36 Idols named

American Idol just named its Top 36 Wednesday, but you won't get to vote for one of them. Joanna Pacitti, who has been hotly debated on Idol fansites because of her former record deal with A&M Records, has been booted from the competition. TVGUIDE.COM

Get your dancing shoes

CTV reality series dance tour steps into Ottawa



Arassay Reyes is just as sweet and personable over the phone as she came across on stage during last fall's hit show So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

The Havana, Cuba, native is one of the top 10 dancers from the first season of the CTV series who is crossing the country on a live tour.

When told she was obviously a crowd favourite and could have

tour stops

The So You Think You Can Dance Canada Tour 2009 will feature hit routines from the TV show. The tour stops in:

• Ottawa: Sunday at Scotiabank Place.

Dance Canada 2009 Tour will debut in Vancouver last month. Reyes said she couldn't wait to perform in her home province.

From there, the group is repeating the performance 15 times over a three week period, hitting about three cities a week and in preparation they've been working overtime.

The charming brunette, who was paired mostly with Nico Archambault of Montreal, the winner of the televised competition, will again appear on stage with the handsome heartthrob.

She said she's looking forward to performing one of her favourite routines with him, a contemporary piece to

Queen's Somebody to Love in which Archambault dons black feather wings.

"We really have the connection to be partners," Reyes said. "I don't know how that happened."

Throughout the competition the couple was applauded for their outstanding chemistry on stage. During her off time, Reyes went back to Cuba and spent time relaxing and hanging out with her family.

The Caribbean island is where she learned to dance; she started when she was eight years old doing Latin, contemporary and folk dance and later attended

the Cuban National School of the Arts. Her hard work eventually won her a spot in the National Contemporary Dance Company of Cuba (Danza Contemporanea de Cuba).

While in B.C., she's been learning English and dancing with the Vancouver dance company Grupo America. The three months

spent taping the popular show last fall were gruelling, Reyes said, and she was quite ready for a break and to see the rest of her family.

Now she can't wait to get back on stage. "We're going to perform for thousands and thousands of people and I'm so happy to do it," she said.



The Top 10 dancers from the first season of CTV's So You Think You Can Dance are touring the country.

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Entertainment

New perspective for Edwards

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

When Kathleen Edwards got the call from the defence department inviting her to Afghanistan she had been on the road for most of a year.

She was in the middle of a California tour, tired and looking forward to Christmas at home with family and friends.

But it didn't take her long to answer "yes." The Ottawa-born singer-songwriter had been fascinated by the war torn country ever since reading *The Kite Runner*.

She arrived in Kabul Dec. 22 for a week long stay aboard a DND Hercules transport. The purpose was to entertain the troops over Christmas, but it proved to be much more.

"It was a life-changing trip," Edwards says from her home in Hamilton, where she's lived for more than three years. "I have a whole different outlook and understanding of what people in the mili-



Kathleen Edwards performed every day for the troops on a recent trip to Afghanistan. She says it changed her life.

"I have a whole different outlook and understanding of what people in the military do and the commitment they make, the sacrifices they go through."

Kathleen Edwards

a whirlwind year that began with the release of her critically acclaimed third album, *Asking For Flowers*. The CD is up for Adult Alternative Album of the Year at next month's Juno Awards in Vancouver.

"I put out the record that I wanted to put out," she says. "I've seen my fan base grow, which is an amazing feeling because I don't feel like I made a very commercial album."

In concert

- Kathleen Edwards performs Saturday in Ottawa at the Bronson Centre.

And the Academy Award (doesn't) go to...

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

MOVIES Although there may not have been an earth-shattering dark horse, there was one notable surprise unwrapped during the unveiling of the Academy Award nominees, and it came via *The Reader*.

With five nods (including Best Actress for star Kate Winslet), *The Reader* wasn't so much a bombshell for wrangling nomi-

nations as much as it was for being deemed the film that knocked blockbuster *The Dark Knight* out of contention for Best Picture.

But while the focus has been primarily on *The Dark Knight*'s stunning absence in that category, there have been several other overlooked films in the race for an Oscar this year. While the Academy may ignore their significance, they are worth noting here:

THE WRESTLER — Bruce Springsteen has been getting most of the attention ever since his musical contribution to *The Wrestler* was snubbed by the Academy but many fans have also been abuzz on the Internet arguing the film itself was deserving of best picture.

WALL-E — The first-ever animated movie to win top spot from the L.A. Film Critics Association, many thought it could do the same at this year's Oscars.

There's little doubt it will take best animated picture, but where is Andrew Stanton's nomination for Best Director?

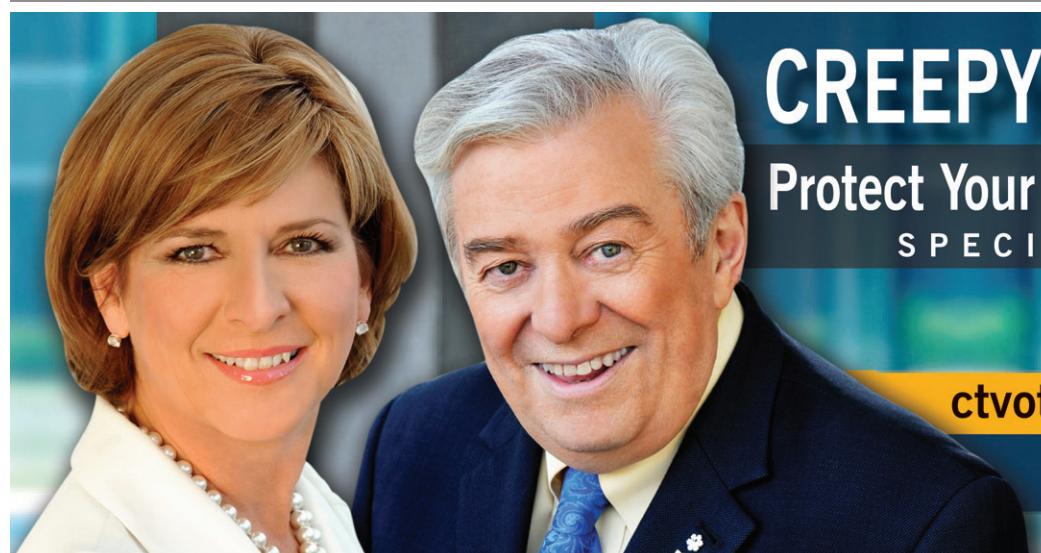
HAPPY GO LUCKY — Sally Hawkins may have shocked many by taking home the Golden Globe for best actress earlier this year but she's surprising even more by not even receiving an Oscar nomination for her fantastic role in *Happy Go Lucky*.

WENDY AND LUCY — This intimate drama about a

girl who loses her beloved pooch on a cross-country road trip took top honors from the Toronto Film Critics' Association and was named one of the best movies of the year by the American Film Institute. Film critic A.O. Scott even wrote "it does not contain a superfluous word or shot." Unfortunately for writer/director Kelly Reichardt, that collective acclaim will be all for naught at this year's Oscars.

The 81st Annual Academy Awards

GRAN TORINO — At 78-years-old, Torino may be Clint Eastwood's final acting performance. As such, people are fuming that he didn't even receive a nomination for his powerful portrayal of a bigoted war veteran. Still, the best actor category is one of the toughest races — who would you replace?



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OTTAWA'S NEWS LEADER

New "Nightmare" for Nirvana director

Music video veteran Samuel Bayer, perhaps best known for shooting Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit, will direct a re-imagining of Wes Craven's A Nightmare on Elm Street, which this year marks its 25th anniversary. **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

Going Out

Mix of Six

For more great events around the city, visit: metronews.ca/entertainment

April Bright takes the stage

When: Friday through Feb. 21
Where: Arts Court Theatre, 2 Daly Ave.

Tara Players present Dermot Bolger's touching play April Bright, about the lives of two families living 50 years apart in Dublin. Directed by Caryl McKay. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors through the box office at 613-564-7240.



Jenn Grant

When: Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Where: Blacksheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr., Wakefield

The sweet-voiced performer celebrates the release of her newest CD with some help from special guests Jon and Roy. Tickets are \$12 through ticketweb.ca.

I Heart Film! shows off indie works

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Library & Archives Canada, 395 Wellington St.

Show your love for local filmmakers with the Independent Filmmakers Co-operative of Ottawa's annual winter gala screening, featuring 8 fascinating shorts. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

Boris the Explorer: Be My Valentine

When: Saturday, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Where: National Arts Centre, Southam Hall

Conductor Boris Brott brings together jazz pianist Oliver Jones with kid sensation and TV host Daniel Cook for an adventure in music. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for kids or \$50 for a family of four and are available through the NAC box office.

Arkells & The Waking Eyes

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Zaphod Beeblebrox, 27 York St.

It's a double bill of catchy new Canadian rock with Hamilton-based Arkells and Winnipeg's The Waking Eyes. Tickets are \$8 in advance through ticketweb.ca.

GlobalStyle

Kenya Hunt

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Mobile rockers

When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: LiVE Lounge, 126 York St.

Montreal rockers Mobile play a lively show with guests Benefit Of A Doubt and To The Rescue. Tickets are \$12 through capitaltickets.ca

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May 30 Emerson Drive



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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Lovely Lily

MUSIC Lily Allen may have a potty mouth at times, but the singer sounds positively perfect on her new CD, It's Not Me, It's You. Allen's second album, it is getting great reviews — and the songstress will be featured on a half-hour CTV ETalk special on Saturday.



4 Bookworms

GADGET Amazon.com is set to release a new version of its electronic reading device, Kindle — but it will only be available in the U.S. The new Kindle will hold up to 1,500 books and it will have the exclusive release of a new Stephen King novella.

2 Koala love

POP CULTURE It seems the public is rediscovering the Koala, Sam, the most famous furry survivor of Australia's worst-ever wild fires, has captured hearts around the world, reports The Associated Press. The female marsupial was scorched in the blaze, but got some TLC from a handsome firefighter — what more could you ask?



5 Clever, clever

GAMES Is KenKen the next sudoku? The new game — its name means loosely "cleverness squared" in Japanese — began appearing in The New York Times this week. While the logic puzzle is similar to sudoku, KenKen requires some math skills as well.



3 Mamma M.I.A

PERFORMANCE The very pregnant M.I.A. not only showed up at last Sunday's Grammy Awards — the singer did so on her due date. Nominated for record of the year, M.I.A. also performed at the show. Word is her fiancé took a stopwatch to the show, just in case he needed to time her contractions. No word on whether the baby has been born yet.

6 Recession protection

RECESSION In time for Valentine's Day, USA Today has reported that at least one industry is recession-proof. "With a crippled economy forcing millions of cash-strapped Americans to entertain themselves at home, it's not surprising that one particular product is seeing a sales increase — condoms," writes the paper. Sales of condoms apparently rose six per cent in January, the paper adds.

7 Rihanna and Chris

GOSSIP It seems everyone is waiting for more details about what exactly happened between Chris Brown and Rihanna. The couple was a no-show at the Grammys; with Rihanna cancelling concerts earlier this week and Brown — who is out on \$50,000 bail — saw Wrigley's suspend an ad campaign featuring him.

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Moore engaged to be married
Mandy Moore will tie the knot with her musician beau Ryan Adams, her publicist confirmed to People magazine. Details weren't immediately available. Moore, 24, and Adams, 34, had dated off-and-on since March 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Lesson in manners set for Prince Harry

PEOPLE Prince Harry has been ordered by his army bosses to enrol in equality and diversity lessons, people.com reports.

The sessions are the disciplinary actions assigned after the third in line to the crown was caught on video referring to a fellow soldier as a "Paki," People magazine has confirmed.

The news also comes a day after it was reported that Harry, 24, told a comedian, "You don't sound like a black chap."

Comic Stephen K.



Amos, the target of Harry's "black chap" remark at Prince Charles' 60th birthday party in November, said there were no hard feelings towards Harry and he (Amos) had not taken offence.

"As

a comedian it is my job to find the funny. I was honoured to be asked to perform at the 60th birthday comedy event for Prince Charles," said Amos. "I do not believe Prince Harry was racist to me."

The army course in diversity will take place soon, royal insiders tell People. Harry is expected to attend the lessons over a period of days.

Thursday, Harry's office at St. James's Palace told People, "Prince Harry has said he is sorry for his remarks. He has been subjected to the normal army disciplinary procedures."

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Britney a desperate housewife in video?

VIDEO Britney Spears is a mega pop star, a mom of two — and now a happy homemaker in her new video, people.com is reporting

The singer, who plans to hit the road for her Circus tour next month, spent Tuesday filming the video for her upcoming single If U Seek Amy, in which she plays a sexy housewife dressed in blonde '50s style wig, a fitted pink top and white skirt. "The video begins with Britney coming outside her house to hand the paparazzi an apple pie that she baked," says a source. "She acts

like she wants to hook up. The video is very provocative."

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Fan support swells online for Rihanna

INCIDENT Days after Rihanna was allegedly beaten by her boyfriend, Chris Brown, fans are filling her MySpace page with words of encouragement, people.com reports.

"YOU deserve BETTER," writes Jessica.

"I just want to say that I really hope you get better soon," says Morgan. "You are such a great and strong woman ... Turn your hurt into a song that can inspire everyone to be strong and it will get you through whatever life throws at you."

A fan named Leiahie-na even offered the Barbados-bred singer (who hasn't been seen in public since the Sunday morning incident) refuge in Hawaii.

"Keep shining

that smile of yours!" says Leiahie-na. "Need to get away for a while hit me back, my family owns some private beaches if you wanna wine (sic) down and relax with some of your family or friends."

Even celebrity pal Kanye West has spoken about the incident, telling Ryan Seacrest on his Tuesday radio show, "I feel like that's my baby sis and I would do any and everything to help her in any situation."

When it comes to their feelings about Brown — who is due in court March 5 — Rihanna's fans offer mostly blunt words of advice, people.com adds.

Writes Grantos: "Leave His A—."

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Tara says she was sad

PEOPLE Tara Reid checked into rehab because she was "sad and conflicted," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 33-year-old actress recently completed a 60-day stay at Malibu's Promises rehab centre — where Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears have previously been treated — for substance abuse, and insists the move was the "greatest decision" she has ever made.

She said: "I didn't like the person I was. I was sad and conflicted.

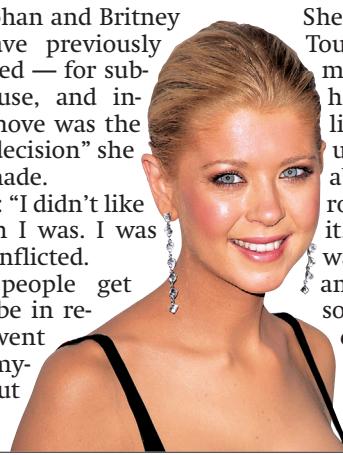
"Some people get forced to be in rehab. I went there by myself. I put myself

there. It was the greatest decision I ever made."

Tara insists checking into the facility was one of the toughest times she has ever been through, but is delighted with the effect the treatment had on her.

She added to In Touch Weekly magazine: "Rehab saved my life. Before I used to think about tomorrow and I hated it. Now I can't wait because I am clean and sober and I am excited."

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Owen indifferent about his looks

IMAGE Clive Owen doesn't care about his looks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Children of Men actor doesn't make any effort with his appearance in his "normal life," despite being regarded as a Hollywood heartthrob.

He said: "Any actor who starts taking the tag 'sex symbol' seriously or thinks of themselves as a sex symbol has got some serious problems. When I'm in my normal life I care very little about how I look. Sometimes I have to dress up when I'm making movies, but

that's not me when I'm just hanging around."



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Rourke falling for Courtney Love?

ROMANCE Looks like Mickey Rourke and Courtney Love's longtime friendship has jumped to the next level.

The two stars have been dating secretly for about a month, according to the Daily Mirror. "Mickey texted Courtney totally out of the blue, around the time of the Golden Globes, asking to take her out for the night," a source tells the newspaper. And while she didn't end up as his date for the awards show, they allegedly still found time for each other.



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No diet, no gyms: Scarlett

PEOPLE Scarlett Johansson has come out firmly against dieting and gyms.

The voluptuous young star even claims she's never been to a gym. "I have never been on a diet in my whole life," she says, according to Sky

Showbiz. "I've seen gyms only from the outside. I feel very comfortable with my body." And as for stick-thin celebrities, Johansson says she doesn't get it. "Count me out. I don't understand what's supposed to be sexy there. And besides, I like to eat too much."

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Jackson suffers complications

HEALTH Looks like Michael Jackson's latest round of plastic surgery may have caused some unplanned health problems.

According to the Sun, the former King of Pop is receiving IV antibiotics for a severe staph infection he contracted during work to reconstruct his nose.

"The disease is an MRSA-style infection because it is resistant to conventional antibiotics," a source tells the newspaper. "There's a chance it could turn into a flesh-eating disorder where it begins to kill off his skin, so he's being very carefully monitored."

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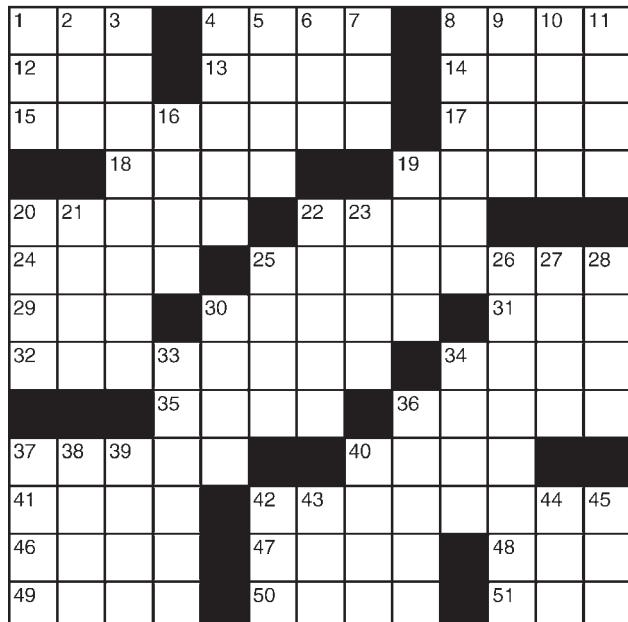
Today
Mainly sunny
-7° / -12°



Saturday
Sunny
-6° / -13°



Sunday
Partly cloudy
-6° / -13°

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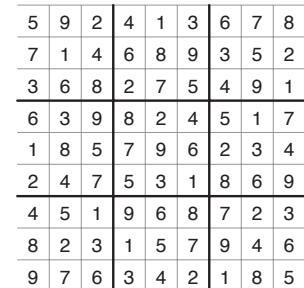
Crossword across

1 Muppet master Henson
4 Look-alike
8 Low range
12 Literary collection
13 Head light?
14 Easter flower
15 Redo
17 In due time
18 Uncomplicated
19 Mexican's ancestor, maybe
20 Squander
22 Exposed
24 Grounded flock
25 Luthor's enemy
29 Standard
30 Ancient Dead Sea region

Crossword down

1 Predicament
2 — fix
3 Guaran-tee
4 More than just that?
5 Undulating
6 — de-France
7 Clause connector
8 Sports jacket
9 — She Sweet?
10 Plum-like fruit
11 Harmonization
16 Chow
19 Vicinity
20 Cried
21 Asian servant
22 Crony
23 Tarzan's clique
25 Irrational number
26 Indemnify
27 Settled down
28 One of CSN&Y
30 Hoodoo
33 Exile
34 Ground
36 Uncool sort
37 Let the cat out of the bag
38 Irritate
39 Gumbo need
40 Read cursorily
42 Miss Piggy's pronoun
43 Oklahoma city
44 Compete
45 Will Ferrell movie

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar

17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Take Five

Metro Recipe of the Day



French Tuna and Bell Pepper Salad

INGREDIENTS:

14 oz (400 g) new potatoes
1 3/4 oz (50 g) green beans
7 1/2 oz (220 g) mixed salad greens
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped parsley
1 tbsp (15 ml) snipped fresh chives
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 tbsp (15 ml) black olive tapenade
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
1 tsp (5 ml) balsamic vinegar
Pepper to taste
10-15 radishes, thinly sliced
1 can (6 oz/170 g) tuna in water, drained
3 1/2 oz (100 g) cherry tomatoes
1 each of red, yellow and green pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
8 black olives
SERVES 4

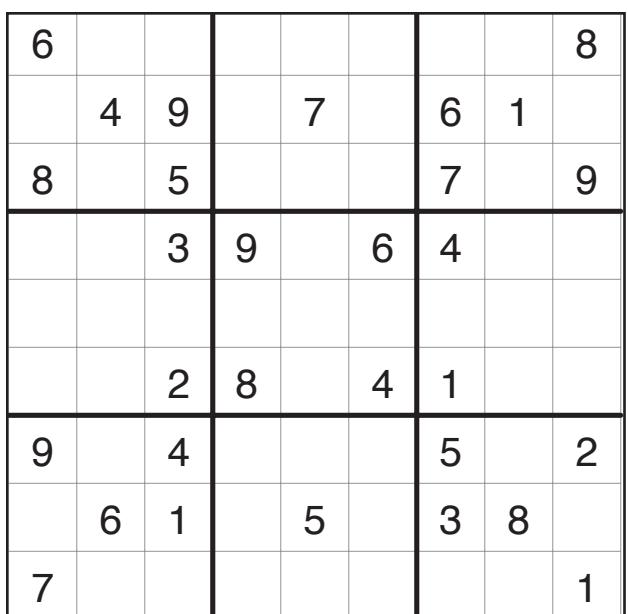
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Sudoku

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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Contact your most important admirer for help. The bearer of good news will get a free dinner. A demented associate will make you laugh.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



A trusted person returns and cheers you. A predicament is caused by a desperado who takes control. A woman's dream resolves a dilemma.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



A voice from the past makes you nostalgic. Someone's self-involvement puts your teeth on edge. A power play leads to bonding with others.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Foolish expectations go up in flames. Don't take it personally when anyone is disappointed. A commonplace approach to problems isn't effective.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



A chatty associate will insist that a conflict be settled. Be cautious and stay on top of breaking news. Stoke up a friend's damaged self-esteem.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Your social life gets busy and friendships will grow. Camaraderie develops with a kind woman. Your anxiety will be relieved by good news.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



A sincere lover passes a test. Finding new helpers is easier than you expected. Somebody's pleasure-seeking will stick in your mind.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Something pleasant happens to you in public. Certain tasks will have to be faced immediately. You'll think about the kindness of a stranger.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Other people look to you for leadership. A friendship may be damaged by having a sense of duty. Self-medicating will have a puzzling effect.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Your personal charm and charisma are at an all-time high. Prepare yourself to have an intense chat. A lonely person will return home.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



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